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**JULY 31, 2015**

**The Honorable Michael K. Newell Takes the Oath of Office for  
Chief Judge of the Family Court of the State of Delaware**

The Honorable Michael K. Newell was formally sworn in for his first term as Chief Judge of the Family Court at 1 p.m. on July 31, 2015 in Courtroom 8B at the New Castle County Courthouse in Wilmington.

Delaware Supreme Court Chief Justice Leo E. Strine, Jr. welcomed the audience to the investiture and the invocation was performed by the Most Rev. W. Francis Malooly, Bishop of the Diocese of Wilmington. Sgt. Michael Manley of the Delaware Capitol Police led the pledge of allegiance and Family Court Judge Barbara D. Crowell administered the Oath of Office.

At the ceremony, Gov. Jack A. Markell, Delaware Supreme Court Justice Randy J. Holland and Family Court Judge Peter B. Jones offered remarks along with members of the Chief Judge's family.

Prior to his appointment as Chief Judge, Newell had been a judge with the Family Court since 2004. Before joining the bench, Judge Newell was a partner at Connolly, Bove, Lodge & Hutz, LLP, where he was head of the Family Law Department.

From 1978 through 1981, Judge Newell served as the executive assistant to the Honorable Robert D. Thompson, who at that time served as Chief Judge of the Family Court. He then served as a master in the Family Court before joining Bayard, P.A. in 1983 to practice family law.

In addition to his legal experience, Judge Newell is active in his community, serving as a trustee of the Nativity Preparatory School of Wilmington since 2011 among other activities. He is also a former member of the development committee for Saint John the Beloved Parish and a former youth athletics coach.

Judge Newell received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Delaware in 1975 and a Master of Science degree from Northeastern University in 1976. He earned his law degree at Widener University Delaware Law School in 1981 and was admitted to the Delaware Bar in 1982. He resides with his wife in Hockessin.

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